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EDITORIAL COMMENT

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Today we celebrate the natal day of George Washington, the father of his country. The day is a national holiday, and business all over the land is suspended. The name of George Washington is a synonym of patriotism, and is one of the first names that is whispered to the American child.

"First in peace, first in war, first in the hearts of his countrymen." This is an expression that is as familiar to the American youth as is the name of the man to whom it refers. It is a sentiment, coupled with the name that should ever be cherished, for a better idol could not be kept before the young. The country has produced Lincoln and Grant and Dewey, and many other illustrious men, but it was Washington who gave us a free country, and his name should ever be before us, when there is talk of war with other countries. There is such talk just now, and while the rich men of the East are far from expressing a patriotic spirit in their endeavor to bring about hard times in reprisal for the prosecution of the criminal trusts by the administration, we need something like the name of Washington lest we forget our duty to the ties of home and country.

Washington was a grand character as well as a great soldier and statesman. He was an ideal American in every respect, and it is well that we should now and then hearken back to his memory. It is well to keep before the youth such illustrious examples of manhood, for while there are many great men, and many ideal Americans today, we do not appreciate their true characters. We are not permitted to, for in the battle for supremacy, men's characters are torn to shreds, and their motives questioned. It is only when they have passed to the great beyond that we get a true estimate of their worth, for then favorable mention can do no good to the deceased, and no harm to the living. This is very hard language, but in the liberal spirit of the press, it is hard to find two opinions alike of one man in two papers. And the press is not to blame; it is the result of human nature, which the press portrays.

All the indications point to war with Japan, and that war will develop another Dewey, mayhap another Grant, a Lincoln or a Washington. The lives of these famous men should form the study of the rising generation, for the early education of the American youth should have for a part and parcel of it, love of home and country.

BRUTALITY AT THE TOWN OF FARRELL

WOMAN IN NIGHT CLOTHES IS PUT ON HORSE AND DEPORTED.

J. S. Sidler, a mining engineer of Denver, sent to the Seven Troughs mining district to expert properties for a number of Denver capitalists, in describing his trip into that mining district, writes in a letter to the Reno Gazette the following sensational description of the recent troubles in the mining camp of Farrell, in the Seven Troughs district:

"On my arrival there it reminded me of one of the frontier towns in the early days, and I surely saw some lively times for the few days that I stayed in that end of the district. Though I didn't care to take a chance in the town, as I found the town in the hands of a lawless mob on my arrival and greatest excitement prevailed on every hand. The tough element filled up on on a 'bad brand' of good whiskey and forming themselves into a mob, they proceeded to take the town by storm, and thoroughly succeeded. Armed with Winchester, shotguns, revolvers and 'bug juice,' they proceeded down the main street ordering the law-abiding citizens to leave or be shot. Coming to the corner of Fourth avenue and Main street, they set fire to the saloon of J. Miller, first confiscating his stock of liquor. Taking Mr. Miller and his bartender, they walked them barefooted out of town. Mrs. Miller was dragged from bed and loaded onto a saddle horse, her only wearing apparel being a pair of slippers and a thin night gown. She was forced to ride out of town, with the thermometer close to zero.

"The mob was led by 'Curly' Sullivan, at one time a member of the 'Kid' Curry gang of outlaws in Montana, and at present wanted in Butte City on a series of charges of highway robbery and burglary. 'Red-eyed Bones,' recently deported from Mazuma, acted as lieutenant to Sullivan.

"Telegraphic and telephone connections were shut off as they would not allow the operator to take her office. Most of the women of the town were frightened into hysterics. The outlaws patrolled the streets at night and would not allow a light in the town. When the news finally reached Sheriff Lamb at Winnemucca, he quickly formed a posse and started for the scene of the trouble. Deputy Sheriff Wolf of Lovelock and

Deputies Schaefer and Cooper of Mazuma surrounded the town with their posses and captured sixteen of the leaders, who were taken to Lovelock and locked up. Among those captured were most of the leaders, including the notorious 'Curly' Sullivan, 'Red-eyed Bones,' 'Fatty' Miller, 'Blackie' Hannan, 'Red Face' Pommel, and 'Farmer' Sa Witz, and they will probably be kept in a cool dry place for some time. Peace is again restored, but most of the business men have moved to the adjacent towns and Farrell is practically deserted.

"W. B. Sullivan, the townsite president, has moved his office to Mazuma, and it will probably take some months to get all the business back to where it was before the trouble.

"Yours,
"J. S. SIDLER, M. E."

GOLD DISCOVERY EXCITES MOJAVE

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 21.—Intense excitement prevailed yesterday at Mojave over an alleged discovery of an enormously rich deposit of fine placer gravel underlying the town at a depth of eighteen feet. According to dispatches received here, the find was made on Monday in an excavation which D. C. Clark was making for a cesspool. It is said that samples of the gravel were sent to an assayer in Los Angeles, and that they yielded \$41.54. Other reports from Mojave indicate that the alleged find may be a monumental hoax. Nevertheless, citizens of the desert town yesterday located everything in the vicinity of the supposed strike, even staking claims in the streets and alleys, and, according to one report, locating the graveyard. The news spread to Tehachapi, and citizens of that place went to Mojave and joined the locators.

Mining men in Bakersfield are inclined to be very skeptical concerning the alleged discovery. Gravel that pays \$1 a yard is considered good, and a deposit yielding \$41 is too rich to be credible. It is well known that very rich placer gold sands are found in the channel of a prehistoric river which crossed what is now the southern part of Kern county, but according to the best authorities Mojave does not lie on the banks of this ancient stream.

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SITUATION AT CRITICAL STAGE

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A situation which radical men say may result in a strike of railroad employees in various parts of the country has developed as a result of a general movement on the part of railroads to reduce the wages of all classes of employees.

In every part of the country officials of unions comprising railroad employees have been notified by the railroads that a general reduction of wages and revision of working agreements must be made by March 1st. The unions are determined that no reduction shall be made, and the union officials are preparing to resist every attempt to reduce the present scale.

In the West the situation is most threatening on the Chicago Great Western Railroad, now in the hands of receivers appointed by the Federal courts. President A. B. Stickney and Charles H. F. Smith, receivers of the road, yesterday served notice on W. J. Trost, Chicago business agent of the Switchmen's Union, that the road demands a reduction in wages, and asked for a joint conference to be held in St. Paul, Minn., on March 9th. The engineers, firemen, switchmen and conductors on the road have agreed to resist the demand for a reduction and say that unless the road recedes from its position they will strike.

It is more than likely that the officials of the unions comprising the employees on the Great Western Railroad will demand that the wage dispute be submitted to the courts, as provided by the Eardman act in the case of railroads in the hands of receivers.

The road also proposes to make a radical revision in the present working conditions of its union employees. Switchmen now are working under an agreement which provides for a minimum working day of ten hours. The road proposed to change the minimum to five hours a day.

The general wage committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will hold a conference in Cleveland next week for the purpose of taking some action relative to the threatened wage reduction. Members of the committee have asked for a large attendance of members from unions in all parts of the country.

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MADE BIG PROFITS ON MINING DEAL

How an original cash outlay by a number of New York promoters of \$50,000 grew into profits of \$890,000, says the New York Commercial, has been brought to light by an action commenced in the United States Circuit Court in this city, seeking an accounting from William H. Brevoort, Thomas T. M. Raborg, Robert Leslie Moffet, and others, for \$890,000 paid to Brevoort for the properties which went into the Kind Edward Mines Company, of Cobalt. From Mr. Raborg individually the bill seeks to recover 44,000 shares of the stock of the company or its equivalent. It is alleged that the defendants with the exception of Mr. Moffet, made a profit of \$640,000 out of the deal by which the Kind Edward company was formed.

Samuel Untermyer, as counsel for the corporation and some of its stockholders, has during the past few weeks succeeded in recovering from a syndicate of Wall street men 456,000 shares of Kind Edward stock, a part of a block of 500,000 shares distributed as a promotion bonus. The 44,000 shares for which Mr. Raborg is sued is the balance of this amount. He is said to be the only one of the promotion syndicate who refused to give up his stock when the facts ascertained by the stockholders' committee were presented. Most of the stock in the hands of the public was bought at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3 a share. It is now quoted at about 50 cents a share.

The bill for an accounting recites that in October, 1906, Mr. Brevoort got options on the two mining properties, the King Cobalt mine and the Watts mine, and represented to some of the members of the syndicate that he had paid \$640,000 for the Watts mine and \$250,000 for the King Cobalt. With a requirement of \$110,000 for working capital, it was figured that the proposition could be financed through a holding company for \$1,000,000, and accordingly the King Edward company was formed with a capital of 1,200,000 shares of \$5 par value, of which 400,000 of the shares were to be sold at \$2.50 a share to provide the \$1,000,000; 600,000 shares distributed to the syndicate, and the other shares held in the treasury.

The Watts mine was offered on this market during several months of the fall of 1906 for a \$25,000 cash payment and a stock interest.

By a modification of the syndicate agreement, it is set forth, 100,000 shares of the promotion shares were placed in the hands of Wall street bankers interested in the deal, to "make a market" for the stock that the syndicate proposed to sell on the curb. The market was made, with the result that the 400,000 shares were sold at \$2.50 and \$890,000 turned over to Brevoort to pay for the properties.

HIGH OR LOW.

Mrs. Baker—I wish, dear, that you would design my winter hat for me. Mr. Baker (an architect)—All right, my love, I will. Shall it be a skyscraper or a bungalow?—Harper's Weekly.

A GOOD BOY.

Mr. Ryley—Why are yez decorat-in', Mrs. Murphy?

Mrs. Murphy—Me b'y Denny is comin' home the day.

Mr. Ryley—I thought it wuz for foive years he wuz sint up?

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Mexico's New Laws Will Do Away With Mineral Belt Monopolies.

The committee which was recently appointed by the Mexican government to draft new mining laws has completed its labors and will soon submit its conclusions to the department of mines.

From present indications it would seem that the day of monopoly on great mineral belts for prospecting rights by men who can afford to hold them for alleged exploration purposes will soon be a thing of the past. So also will be the practice of prospectors or alleged prospectors holding for terms of three months any section of the country on which they can get the permission of the owner to prospect to the exclusion of any other person. These are among the evils which the new proposed mining laws seek to remedy.

Hitherto it has been the custom to allow men of means the right to cover large territories of promising mineral country by what are known as blanket locations. These are held

from three to five years in some cases and during that time are neither developed by the holders nor are they open for location by any bona fide prospector or mining man who might find a vein which he considers sufficiently promising to follow up.

The unwatering and timbering of mines will also be treated differently if the proposed laws are adopted by the department.

CONTRACT MARRIAGE VALID.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—In granting a legal separation to Mrs. Katie Diedrich from Michael Diedrich, Justice Dayton of the Supreme Court has upheld the legality of a marriage by contract. Sixteen years ago the Diedrichs entered into a formal agreement to live together as husband and wife, and have so lived since. When Mrs. Diedrich sued for a separation on the grounds of cruelty, Diedrich denied any marriage. His decision upholds the validity of the contract marriage and grants the separation.

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